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## TRIP LIMIT ADJUSTMENT FOR ATLANTIC GROUP SPANISH MACKEREL COMMERCIAL FISHERY IN THE SOUTHERN ZONE (FLORIDA)

The trip limit for the commercial fishery for Atlantic group Spanish mackerel is adjusted to 1,500 pounds per day, **effective 6 a.m. local time, February 5, 2007**, through February 28, 2007.

Based on the 7.04 million pound total allowable catch for Atlantic group Spanish mackerel, the commercial quota is 3.87 million pounds. Atlantic group Spanish mackerel are divided into a northern and southern zone for management purposes. The southern zone extends from 30°42'45.6" N. lat., which is a line directly east from the Georgia/Florida boundary, to 25°20.4' N. lat., which is a line directly east from the Miami-Dade/Monroe County, Florida, boundary. In the southern zone, seasonally variable trip limits are based on an adjusted quota of 3.62 million pounds.

Beginning December 1, the trip limit is unlimited on weekdays and 1,500 lb (680 kg) per day on weekends. After 75 percent of the adjusted quota of Atlantic group Spanish mackerel is taken until 100 percent of the adjusted quota is taken, Spanish mackerel in the southern zone may be possessed on board or landed from a permitted vessel in amounts not exceeding 1,500 pounds per day.

NOAA Fisheries Service has determined 75 percent of the adjusted quota for Atlantic group Spanish mackerel has been taken. Accordingly, the 1,500 lb per day commercial trip limit applies to Spanish mackerel in the southern zone effective 6 a.m., local time, February 5, 2007, through February 28, 2007, unless changed by further notification in the *Federal Register*.